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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
SHINJI ICHIKAWA ET AL. : EXAMINER:  
SERIAL NO: NEW DIV APPLICATION :  
FILED: HEREWITH : GROUP ART UNIT:  
FOR: WRITE/READ HEAD SUPPORTING  
MECHANISM, AND WRITE/READ  
SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.